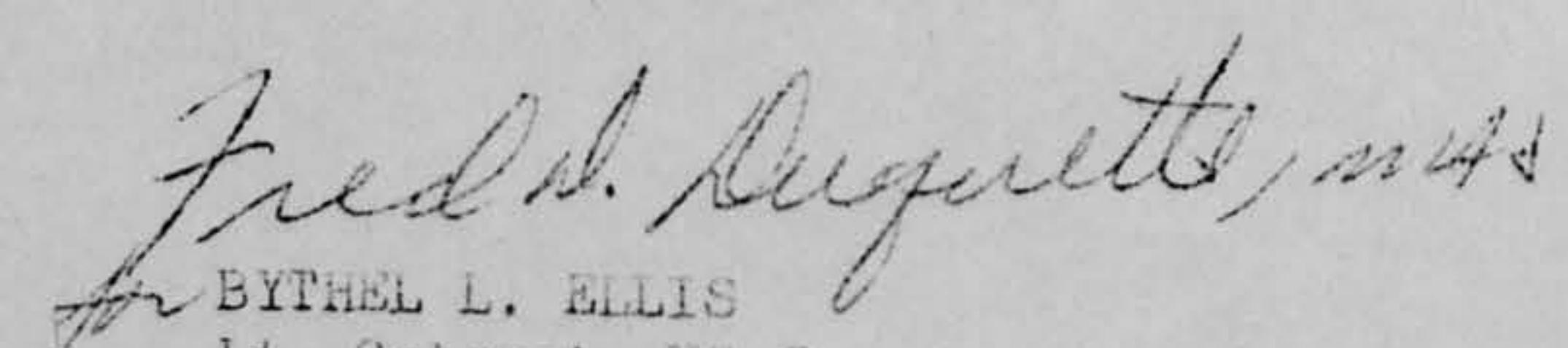


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 Jul 61	2. LOCATION Texarkana, Texas 3302N 9400W	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Echo I <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2115 GMT 250315Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW-NE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, bright white objt size of baseball, straight flight.	11. COMMENTS Objt of this sighting was Echo I. Reason for rapid disappearance of objt was its passage into earth's shadow. Depending upon accuracy of elevation info reported by witness objt was E of witness's location one or more hours in time, when it disappeared.	

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COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNED UNITED STATES	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 July 1961	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 4238th STRATWG (DUGI) Barksdale Air Force Base, La.	DATE OF COLLECTION 25-27 July 1961	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO.
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL LAWRENCE J. SROKATCH, LT., USAF	DATE OF REPORT 27 July 1961	CANCELED/COMPLETE SRI NO.
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE [REDACTED] Tex Arkana, Texas	EVALUATION	CANCELED/INCOMPLETE SRI NO.
		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date) ACTIVE
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable) SSgt Thomas A. Williams, 703rd AC & W Sq., Texarkana (Called in report to BAFB)		
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects) (U) Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)		
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)		
<p>1. This report was phoned into the 4238 STRATWG Base Operations by SSgt Thomas A. Williams, 703rd. AC & W Squadron, Tex Arkana, Texas on 25 July 61.</p> <p>2. The investigation was initiated on the morning of the 26 of July 1961. Results of the report are continued in Part II of this report. The format in this report is in accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 15.</p>		
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- A. (1) Round
 - (2) Size of baseball
 - (3) Bright White
 - (4) ONE
 - (5) N/A
 - (6) Looks like "ECHO 1"
 - (7) No trail
 - (8) No Sound
- b. (1) Watching weather (Bright white light)
 - (2) 3/4 Horizon SW
 - (3) 30° up horizon NE
 - (4) Straight flight
 - (5) Gradual
 - (6) Four minutes
- c. (1) Ground visual
 - (2) Navy surplus/with coated lenses. (Binoculars)
 - (3) N/A
- d. (1) 0315 Z 25 July 1961
 - (2) Night
- e. (1) 33°02' N
94°00' W
- f. (1) Civilian
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 Texarkana, Texas
 Age - Unk.
 Occupation - Unk.
 [REDACTED]
 Mr. [REDACTED] was estimated as a reliable citizen by SSgt Thomas A. Williams of the 703rd AC&W Squadron, Texarkana.
- g. (1) N/A
 - (2) Report from weather station at BAFB, La.

SURFACE	8 KTS.	210°
6,000	60 "	230°
10,000	6 "	260°
16,000	6 "	340°
20,000	3 "	330°
30,000	4 "	130°
50,000	9 "	050°
70,000	22 "	090°

- (3) 3,500 scattered
- (4) 15 miles
- (5) 4/10 to 5/10
- (6) None within 50 miles
- (7) 89° at surface

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h. No unusual activity or conditions in area.

i. N/A

j. Checked with Goodfellow, AFM, SAN ANGELO, Texas and were informed that no balloons were released by them - also asked local weather authorities and were informed no balloons were released.

k. This reported sighting is one of the most accurate we have received as the civilian reporting the sighting was interrogated by SSgt Thomas A. Williams, 703rd AC&W Sqd., Texarkana, Texas, who followed the format contained in Paragraph 15, AFR 200-2. Since Mr. [redacted] had been questioned by Sgt Williams using the check list I felt it unnecessary to contact Mr. [redacted] again. We contacted Goodfellow AFM, San Angelo and they reported it could not be one of their balloons as they haven't had one up in a week. I also contacted the FAA on base and they in turn contacted both Fort Worth and Memphis and they also had nothing to report. No picture was taken nor is there any physical evidence.

After preliminary analysis it is the opinion of the preparing officer that since numerous reported sightings in this area in the past have been weather balloons this sighting was also some type of balloon.

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